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**PATENT**

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POISONING IN DUAL DAMASCENE  
STRUCTURES

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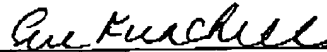
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**AMENDMENT B**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.